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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request entry of the following amendments prior to
calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Marked up version of all revised claims, showing insertions and
deletions, are included herewith in Appendix A. For examiner's convenience, a
complete set of pending claims is attached herewith in Appendix B.

Rewrite claims 2-8 and 10-14 as follows:

2. (amended) The ABA block copolymer according to Claim 1, wherein B' is a
hydrogenated polybutadiene containing 80-95 mol.% of 1,2-bonds and 5-20 mol.%
of 1,4-bonds.

3. (amended) A polyacetal resin composition, which comprises 100 parts by
weight of a polymer compound (I) comprising 20-100 wt.% of the ABA type block
copolymer according to Claim 1 and 0-80 wt.% of a polyacetal copolymer having a